Conversion of tribals

1634. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that *adivasis* (tribals) are being converted into Christianity in various parts of the country by offering monetary and other benefits and facilities; and

(b) if so, what action Government would take to check this anti-national and unwarranted happenings creating social and community-wise imbalances in the country thereby creating social tensions and other problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been reports from time to time regarding allegations that *adivasis* (tribals) are being converted into Christianity in various parts of the country by offering inducements.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/ UT Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violations come to notice.

Some State Governments have enacted laws providing for prohibition of conversion from one religious faith to any other religious faith by use of force or inducement or by fraudulent means etc.

Receiving of hospitality/honorarium from foreign Government/agency

1635. SHRI A. VAJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Secretaries to Government of India from scientific department used to submit request for clearance for receiving hospitality/honorarium from foreign Government/agency during their visit abroad on personal ground;

(b) if so, .request submitted and granted for receiving hospitality/ honorarium year-wise and category-wise for the last three years; and

(c) the place of visit, source and amount of honorarium, source of hospitality and amount received as hospitality for which clearance was sought year-wise and category-wise for last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Joint STF for tackling naxal menace

1636. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA:

SHRI DATTAMEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that left wing rebels give the police a slip by crossing from one State to another after committing a violence act;

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to set up joint special task forces among States affected by left wing extremism to overcome the problem of State boundaries interfering with anti-naxalite operations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the naxal-affected States have agreed on joint policing to tackle the menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and under whose command the joint special task force shall operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Central Government has constituted a Task Force on naxalism in the Ministry of Home Affairs in October, 2004 which reviews the anti-naxalite operations being undertaken by the naxal affected States including those across the State boundaries. The Task Force in its 2nd meeting held on 10.1.2005 at Raipur, Chhattisgarh took note of naxal groups crossing State boundries to give a slip to the police and *inter-alia,* asked the affected States to explore the feasibility of setting up of Joint Special Task Forces among themselves. The Ministry has decided to regularly review further action in this regard.